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Comment:

Dear Chairman Mullen and Green Mountain Care Board members:

I am a practicing family physician and addiction medicine physician. I am deeply troubled by the amount of public money Vermont has spent on the floundering ACO experiment while Vermonters struggle with the costs of paying for basic medical care. How can we allow Vermonters to suffer worsening health and in some cases death from preventable causes due to delayed or avoided care because patients were unable to afford their care due to high out of pocket costs? This experiment is putting the cart before the horse and should be terminated until we ensure that all Vermonters are covered with comprehensive coverage.